

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3932  
ANSWERED ON:09.04.2003  
INDIAN FACING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN GULF COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether there are a number of Indians facing capital punishment in Gulf countries;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to secure amnesty for these prisoners?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

- (a) Yes.
- (b) A Statement is placed on the table of the House.
- (c) Mercy petitions requesting amnesty or commutation of sentences, including those received from relatives of persons facing capital punishment, are forwarded forwarded and taken up with the Governments concerned.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3932 TO BE ANSWERED  
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Details of Indians facing capital punishment in Gulf countries

| Name of the Country | (b) Number of Indians facing capital punishment and details thereof | (c) Steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to secure amnesty for these prisoners |
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| Bahrain | Nil | Not applicable |
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| Kuwait | Nil | Not applicable |
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| Oman | There is one person said to be Indian who is facing capital punishment for drug trafficking. | No mercy petition for commutation of sentence has been received in this case. |
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| Qatar | Nil | Not applicable |
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| Saudi Arabia | Two Indian nationals are facing death sentence at present: one on charges of drug smuggling, and the other, for murdering another Indian. | Mercy petitions have been submitted to the Saudi authorities for the commutation of the death sentence and early release of these persons. |
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United Arab Emirates capital punishment on charges of murder and possession of drugs etc. There are 10 Indian nationals facing Mercy petitions received from the next of kin of the convicted prisoners were forwarded to the UAE authorities. However, since January 2002, UAE authorities have decided not to accept mercy petitions being submitted on behalf of such cases.